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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

3175 W. Sixth Street - Los Angeles, CA 90020
3rd Floor Executive Conference Room

Monday, March 21, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Executive Board Attendees

Bernard Weintraub, President	David Siegrist, Secretary
Aida M. Villalobos, 1 st Vice President	Barbara Sinclair, Fiscal Officer
Peter J. McGrath, 2 nd Vice President	

Visitors: Ed Duran, Gloria Duran, Sol Fingold, Amos Fried, Marilyn Fried, and Irene Griffith

CSS Staff Present: Brenda Sapp-Pradia, Program Manager; Larry Littleton, Human Services Administrator I; Vera Castillo, Legislative Analyst, and Guillermo Medina, Staff Assistant II

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Weintraub called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary David Siegrist moved the motion to accept the agenda as presented. 2nd Vice-President seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2nd Vice-President Peter McGrath moved the motion to accept the minutes of the LACCOA Executive Board held on February 22, 2011. 1st Vice-President Aida Villalobos seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Weintraub stated we have two more meetings to complete commission's assignments before the year is over. He also stated that Commissioner Barbara Meltzer is preparing a quarterly newsletter, and it could be used as an Annual Report. President Weintraub announced that a meeting has been scheduled with Cynthia D. Banks, Lorenza C. Sánchez, Barbara Sinclair, Cindy Skovgard, and himself for March 22, 2011 to discuss the budget and possible locations for the Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) events. President Weintraub stated that the funds for the OARD events should not be taken from the LACCOA budget.

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V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. FINANCE REPORT

Commissioner Barbara Sinclair stated that she has been working with CSS staff on the total costs for the ASA Conference. Her estimation is about \$2,000 per commissioner to attend which is a little higher than the cost shown by CSS. Commissioner Sinclair stated that she has reviewed the mileage costs claimed on a monthly basis to analyze how much is being spent on mileage. She stated that office supplies costs should include business cards, logo, paper, ink, and other supplies but was not clear how or what will be purchased. She asked committee chairpersons to give an estimate for possible expenses for their committee work, including mileage and future trainings and conferences. Estimations included \$6,540 for three commissioners to attend the ASA Conference; \$250 for Housing Summit; \$5,500 for publications; and \$400 for the Membership Committee. She requested commissioners to let CSS staff know of upcoming seminars, trainings, conferences so they can notify the entire Commission. Commissioner Sinclair also said that she received two documents from CSS staff, Area Plan Fiscal Year Funds and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for Los Angeles County and she indicated that the two documents contradict each other.

During discussion, 1st Vice-President, Aida Villalobos expressed her displeasure of not being allowed to attend the ASA Conference in April 2011. It was pointed out to her that her request was submitted well beyond the cut-off date and that similar requests had been made from other commissioners and were denied.

2nd Vice-President, Peter McGrath, stated that all commissioners should have the same opportunity to attend trainings and conferences. Commissioner Marilyn Fried stated that she felt the commission has not benefited from sending commissioners to conferences, and that the commissioners who do attend do not give a full report on what was learned.

MOTION: 1st Vice-President Aida Villalobos made a motion that she be authorized to be an attendee at the ASA Conference on behalf of the LACCOA Executive Board. Commissioner David Siegrist seconded the motion. The vote was 2-2, President Weintraub broke the tie with a no vote; therefore, the motion was denied.

VII. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Vera Castillo reported that the federal government passed the 3rd Continual Resolution that will extend current government spending for three weeks ending April 7, 2011, which will include a \$6 billion cut. Congress is currently on a one week recess from Washington, D.C. and will be working from the field.

The State budget was passed, but it is considered a 'soft budget' because it does not address several issues, such as the provision on the tax extensions scheduled to expire in June 2011, the elimination of the Community Redevelopment Agencies, and how to tax corporations. There are some issues during negotiations between the two political parties that can be used for leverage so the budget can be passed. The pension reform and the State spending cap are a

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couple of those issues. The State legislature approved the reduction of Medi-Cal, the elimination of Adult Day Health care facilities, mandatory copayments, 10% reduction to Medi-Cal providers, and cuts to IHSS and SSI/SSP.

The State is currently working on ballot measures that will be placed on the June 2011 ballot but will need a 2/3 vote for approval.

During discussion, Commissioner Sinclair expressed her concern that nurse practitioners and physician assistants will be seeing more patients due to cuts in the Medi-Cal program. President Weintraub requested the Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care committee to look to see if it would be something that they could work on. President Weintraub requested CSS staff to provide the name of the centers that are part of the 'Be-Well Program'.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Larry Littleton provided the roster that is to be submitted with the letter of resolution which was drafted by Commissioner Marvin Schachter.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- Ad Hoc and Special Committee Reports reported by Aida Villalobos:
 - ❖ OARD
Barbara Sinclair expressed that the OARD event should not be held at a religious facility. She also stated that she has not received any information about the preparations for OARD.
 - ❖ Awards Ceremony and Annual Installation
Vice-President Villalobos will work with CSS staff to set-up a possible meeting date and time.
 - ❖ Nominating
Commissioner Gloria Duran announced that she will be accepting nominations for officers until March 30, 2011 in order to have a slate prepared for the LACCOA General Meeting scheduled for April 4, 2011. The elections will be held during the LACCOA meeting scheduled for May 2, 2011. Commissioners will be able to nominate themselves and will also be able to make nominations from the floor on the day of the elections.
 - ❖ Policy and Procedures
Vice-President Villalobos will work with CSS staff to set-up a possible meeting date and time.
 - ❖ Bylaws
The bylaws committee chair did not attend the meeting. President Weintraub will contact committee chair for a status update.

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❖ Needs Assessment

Commissioner Fried reported that she met with Brenda Sapp-Pradia and Larry Littleton to discuss the upcoming Needs Assessment activities and of the assessments received from other agencies. She stated that the previous CSS assessment came out right before the recession hit. Therefore, the assessment does not address the current issues affecting seniors, such as the economic downfall and the lost of wealth for baby boomers.

Commissioner Fried reported that during the meeting it was discussed to have one focus group per supervisorial district and a consultant that would conduct the focus groups, receive and analyze data and put the report together. The tentative timeline for the needs assessment activities will consist of the following:

- March/April—hire a consultant
- April—hold the focus groups, include baby boomers, caregivers, and veterans
- May—Analysis of data
- June—prepare report
- July—share the report with LACCOA/BOS
- August—begin utilizing data for final report

Commissioner Fried stated that LACCOA funds would not be utilized for the hiring of the consultant for the needs assessment activities.

• Standing Committee Reports

Commissioner McGrath requested Committee Chairs to give their committee reports.

❖ Area Plan Committee:

Commissioner Fried reported that the Area Plan Update will be on the Board of Supervisors' Agenda on April 12, 2011 and then will be submitted to the State by May 1, 2011. She asked who would be responsible for the Area Plan activities since Anna Avdalyan will be out of the office. Ms. Sapp-Pradia responded by saying she would be attending the meetings, if necessary. The Needs Assessment will assist in developing the new Area Plan for 2012-2016. Ms. Sapp-Pradia also stated that, if Ms. Avdalyan is not back, she would prepare the plan.

❖ Communications:

Commissioner Sinclair reported the following:

- Commissioner Barbara Meltzer is meeting with the Charlie Chan Printing publishing company regarding the LACCOA brochure.
- More photos are needed for the brochure and Annual Report.
- During the March LACCOA General meeting, Commissioner David Siegrist suggested using a new name for the newsletter. Commissioner Meltzer is requesting the Executive Board to handle the process of selecting a name.
- The presentation for the Speakers Bureau is in the early stages. Commissioner Meltzer has met with the CSS production team. A first draft of the script has been prepared for review. A video and PowerPoint will be produced for speaking engagements.

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❖ Health, Nutrition and Long-Term Care

Commissioner Irene Griffith, Committee Co Chair, reported that Commissioner William Ha gave a presentation at the March 2011 committee meeting regarding long-term care insurance. He discussed the process of obtaining long-term care insurance. Commissioner Griffith announced that Susan Kennedy has been invited to attend the April 2011 committee meeting to discuss sodium levels in food being served in the senior meals program.

❖ Housing and Transportation Committee

1st Vice-President, Aida Villalobos, stated that the committee did not have enough people in attendance for a quorum. She stated that despite their busy schedule, 2nd Vice-President, Peter McGrath and Commissioner Marilyn Fried attended the 'Seniors on the Move' workshops in February 2011 and that the rest of the commission should make an effort to attend at least one workshop. She also indicated that the committee is planning to visit shelters. President Weintraub suggested contacting Field Deputy Flora Gil Krisiloff from the 3rd District for further information.

❖ Legislative and Advocacy:

Commissioner Sol Fingold stated that March 2011 was the first time in three months that there was a quorum for the committee to meet. He stated that Commissioner Marvin Schachter drafted a letter of resolution addressed to elected officials regarding the budgeting of senior programs. The committee is also working on inviting elected officials to speak at the LACCOA meeting.

❖ Membership Committee:

2nd Vice President, Peter McGrath, presented the LACCOA membership application for final approval. After discussion, the following changes were approved:

- Move the 'For Office Use Only' box to the back of the application
- Add the Los Angeles County and LACCOA logos to the front of the application
- Move question #12 to page 2
- Remove all the boldness from the questions and only keep the statement on page 2 in bold

• District Lead Commissioners Update

President Weintraub expressed his wishes for the commissioners to meet with their district deputies four times a year.

❖ 1st District

Commissioner David Siegrist reported that there have been applications submitted for the vacancies in the 1st district but he has not received any feedback from the Supervisor's office.

❖ 2nd District

No report was given.

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❖ 3rd District

Commissioner Fingold stated he is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Board Deputy.

❖ 4th District

Commissioner Irene Griffith stated that the 4th District commissioners met with Board Deputy Nick Ippolito and with Supervisor Don Knabe. The commissioners expressed their concerns of having transportation for seniors more accessible. Supervisor Knabe stated that he will address this issue at the next MTA meeting since he is on the MTA Board.

❖ 5th District

Commissioner Sinclair stated that there will be a meeting in late April 2011. Elder Abuse is an important issue for Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and it will be discussed during the meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

No new business presented.

XI. OTHER

2nd Vice-President, Peter McGrath, expressed his wishes to have the OARD event continue, even if it is a small, low-key, event.

XII. ADOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

APPROVED AND FILED: APRIL 18, 2011